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BY TELEGRAPH.

NO FAMINE IN YUKON.

Major Rucker's Official Report Today Says Danger Has Been Overestimated.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—The report of Maj. J. H. Rucker of the fourth cavalry, who was sent to Dyea by the war department to ascertain the condition of affairs in the Yukon, was received today by General Merriman at the Vancouver barracks. From his interview with those who have come out from Dawson recently and from his observations of the Chilkoot and White passes, Major Rucker concludes that the danger of famine has been overestimated. He also makes several valuable suggestions on methods of relief.

The points of the report are in brief as follows: "First, that while there is a shortage of stores in the Yukon basin, a state of famine does not at present exist, nor is it likely to exist in the immediate future. Second, that a large expedition with quantities of supplies hauled on sledges by horses or reindeer could not proceed down the Yukon fur-

ther than the foot of Lake Labarge, 400 miles from Dawson. Third, that reinforcements on such an expedition are not more serviceable than are mules or horses. Fourth, that if the government assistance is conspicuously needed in Yukon, it will be when the stores now in the hands of people are exhausted, which is not likely, from all that he can learn, to be earlier than April or May.

Major Rucker therefore recommends that if the snow locomotive company which has a contract with the government do not convey relief into the Yukon during February, government pack trains with sledges should carry them across the Chilkoot Pass and down the lakes and rivers to the foot of Lake Labarge during the month of March, and there await breaking up of ice in the Yukon. The supplies could then be taken to Dawson city in boats.

POSTPONED A WEEK.

Fitness of Mr. McKenna For Supreme Bench Discussed In Senate.

Opposition Said to Be Instigated by A. P. A.

The Senior Massachusetts Senator Declares Against Un-American Proceedings.

Washington, Jan. 15.—When the senate went into executive session yesterday the report on the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to be a justice of the supreme court was called up by Senator Hoar, who asked for immediate action.

Senator Allen objected to present consideration, saying that he thought that more time ought to be taken in view of the changes made. He said he did not desire to cause any great delay. Senators Hoar and White replied, taking a position for prompt action.

The debate upon Mr. McKenna's nomination was precipitated by Senator Hoar, chairman of the committee on judiciary, who called up the nomination in accordance with his notice of Thursday and asked for immediate action. He spoke briefly of the opposition to Mr. McKenna, saying that the judiciary committee had investigated most of the charges made and had reached the conclusion that they were without foundation.

He said that the greater number of charges had been made by the members of the American Protective association, and that, as they had been founded solely upon the fact that Mr. McKenna was a Catholic in religion, they were not worthy of serious consideration. He dwelt at some length upon this point, excoriating any man who would attempt to inject a question of religion into a controversy over a man's fitness for office. He said that such an effort was entirely un-American and unpatriotic and should not for a moment receive the consideration of fair-minded men.

Senator White of California also spoke of the effort of the A. P. A. to interfere with the course of the senate in giving proper attention to a question, the determination of which should depend upon the considerations of fitness and justice as between man and man, rather than upon an appeal to bigotry, prejudice and false patriotism. He spoke of the A. P. A.'s as foes who could not be properly characterized in the senate.

He had no patience with men who held the opinion that Catholics must necessarily consult the pope or some other high functionary of the Catholic church in every important transaction of their lives. While he did not contend that Mr. McKenna was a giant in his legal attainments, still he believed him to be an honorable man, a competent lawyer and a just jurist, and he would support his confirmation.

Here Mr. Allen interposed an objection to immediate action. When his request for two weeks' delay was met with refusal, he gave his reasons for the request, which were, in the main, that he wanted, and thought the senate should have, more time for consideration than had been given to it. He called attention to the importance of the office to which Mr. McKenna had been named, saying that the senate and the public had a right to demand that the charges should be sifted to the bottom. He said that, so far as the opposition of the A. P. A. was concerned, it did not influence him, and he agreed with all that had been said as to the impropriety of any interference in a matter of this character on account of religious prejudices. There was still other charges which were to his mind far more serious. He read from letters and newspapers attacking Mr. McKenna's record as an attorney and jurist on the ground of want of legal attainments.

The greater part of Mr. Allen's speech was devoted to reading these documents. He called especial attention to an attack made by the bar of the Pacific coast which, he said, was deserving of more scrutiny than had been given it. He also stated that he had understood that the charge had been made that large corporations had been instrumental in securing Mr. McKenna's nomination. He thought this also should be looked into more thoroughly than the senate

BY TELEGRAPH.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Canvass of House Completed Today Shows That the Changes Will Go Through.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The canvass of Republican members of the house of representatives on the question of changing the civil service law, which has been conducted by the Republican "steering committee," is about completed today. Of the 202 Republican members of the house, the canvass is said to show that a majority varying from 18 to 40 is favorable to changes in the law according to the degree of change proposed. This last factor leads to some difference of opinion as to the result of the canvass.

Representative Pearson of North Carolina, a member of the committee, places the number of Republicans who can be depended upon at 115. Mr. Evans of Kentucky, another member of the committee, places the number at 138. Both estimates are based on the canvass, the difference being due to the attitude of certain doubtful members. A. A. the whole the

result gives satisfaction to those who have made the canvass. They say that in a number of cases entire state delegations are shown by the canvass to favor the changes in the law. This is the case in the state delegations of North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, and New Hampshire. In other cases the canvass shows that practically entire delegations are for the changes.

Theaters Open in Havana.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Up to noon today the state department has received no advices under today's date from Consul General Kee at Havana. Late last night Hart was sent a dispatch saying that everything was quiet and that the theaters and places of amusement were open.

SITUATION IN DOUBT.

Textile Operatives of Biddeford Get Poor Consolation.

No Sign of Yielding by New Bedford Weavers.

Rhode Island Workers Not Inclined to Strike Just at Present.

that nothing but a miracle can avert the strike, and miracles don't grow on bushes in New Bedford.

Richard P. Barry of the state board of arbitration came to this city yesterday to heal up the wounds caused by the indignation of the operatives who were excluded from the conference between the state board and the manufacturers on Tuesday. He met Secretary Hart of the Weavers and Secretary Waldron of the Carders' union with the result that all differences were adjusted, and as Mr. Barry said, "We now shake hands across the bloody chasm."

Won't Strike.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 15.—There will be no strike at Lowell. The vote was taken in the Spinners' union at 11:30 o'clock last night and stood 177 opposed, to 64 favoring a strike. Two police officers assisted the committee in admitting only members.

The meeting was called to order by David Cordingly, the president, at 8 o'clock. It opened with great excitement, and gave promise of causing trouble. There were angry words, motions and counter-motions, and failures to obey the orders of the chair, until the president finally threw down the gavel and would no longer serve. He withdrew to an ante-room, and Martin Burns, the vice president, assumed the chair and presided for the rest of the meeting.

There were two points about which the debate swayed for a long time. National Secretary Ross sent word not to strike, but to assist New Bedford. This was one. It was stated that the published statement of a mill agent that the cut-down would amount to from 5 to 7 percent was not sustained by the schedule posted in the Merrimack mills. That was the other.

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Governor Cannot Help.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—General Merriman, commanding the department of the Columbia, yesterday received a dispatch from the war department instructing him to postpone the departure of the relief expedition to Alaska. Accordingly the contract to ship the expedition from this port on the steamer Oregon, Jan. 23, has been withdrawn. It is understood that the postponement is due to reports that there is no starvation or suffering in the Yukon country that the government expedition could relieve.

Governor Delehanty.

New York, Jan. 15.—The board of trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbor last evening elected Lieutenant Commander Daniel Delehanty, now executive officer of the United States battleship Texas, governor of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, in place of Former Governor Trask, who resigned after the board has investigated charges of cruelty and mismanagement preferred against him. Delehanty's salary as governor will be \$5000 a year and a residence.

Custom Hand Laundry, A. E. Ellis, Proprietor.

Rear of Lonergan & Bissell's.

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Green Tag Sale

Beginning today until our annual inventory, February 1st, we employ the green tag to announce the liberal reduction on Suits, Overcoats, Reefs, etc. The green tag also appears in our boys' department, second floor, and parents will do well to take immediate advantage of it.

A few staple goods are not marked down, but everything else is cut

From 10 to 50 per cent off

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52 feet on the street, 93 feet on the Boston & Albany railroad. 150 feet deep. Right price. Right terms.

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Every description of Insurance.

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Tickets now on sale at Hastings' Drug Store.

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T. M. Calnan TEN CENT CIGAR OSCEOLA HAVANA FILLER, Sumatra Wrapper.

Everybody Makes Mistakes.

And you'll continue to make the one big mistake about your laundry work if you are not sending it to us. The excellence of our work will surprise you, if it has not done so already. Telephone or drop us a postal and we'll call.

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Notice is hereby given that all persons

having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences

of snow and ice within 24 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty.

By order of

Commissioner of Public Works.

Telephone 241-4.

Business is Sew-Sew,

As the seamstress said. The holiday rush is over and we can now get out Suits Overcoats and Trousers at short notice. Perfect fit and best trimmings and workmanship guaranteed.

SUITS—15, 16, 18, 20, and \$25.

TROUSERS—3.50, 4, 5, 6, 7, and \$8.

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NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

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AT WILLIAMSTOWN

Interest Revived in the Reed Murder
Mystery—Mr. Stevens Slowly Recovering—Talking About a Sheriff
—Ice Elevator Works Well.

Talking about a Sheriff

The talk about a successor to Sheriff Eldridge has begun and the topic will be one of general interest until Mr. Eldridge resigns and his successor is appointed. So far as known no candidate has entered the field, but among the men who are mentioned for the office are Joseph Walden and Constables Joseph Fairweather and C. A. Brown. Mr. Walden was prominently mentioned for the office two years ago, but refused to allow the use of his name, and it is not known whether he would accept the appointment now. It is believed that either Mr. Brown or Mr. Fairweather would make a good sheriff, but it is not certain that either would take the office. Something C. D. Phelps would be a good selection, but locality would rule him out unless he moved into the village, as his home is over two miles from the center. The people want the appointment to go to a good Republican and good man, and one whose home is near enough to the center to make him easily available when his services are required.

The Reed Murder Case

The article in Thursday's TRANSCRIPT regarding the Reed murder mystery, and showing that the murderer or murderers might possibly be found in this town, created a great deal of interest and was the chief topic of conversation Friday. The people here took great interest in the case at the time of the murder, as Mr. Reed was well known by many in this town, and there has been a strong hope that whoever perpetrated the foul deed would sooner or later be brought to light. The people hate to think the crime was committed by any one living here, but if such was the case the quicker it is known the better they will be suited. All are now anxiously awaiting further developments.

Ice Elevator Works Well

F. H. Daniels is greatly pleased with his new ice elevator, which works perfectly and very rapidly. He has used it only one day, but on that day he stored 800 tons. The cakes of ice went into the house in a perfect stream and nine men had to hustle to take care of it as fast as it came. This ice was taken from the Boston Finishing work's reservoir. Mr. Daniels hopes to begin cutting on his pond Monday. He will put up about 3,500 tons this winter, including what he cuts at the Glen reservoir.

Is Recovering Slowly

Frank Stevens, son of A. M. Stevens, is slowly recovering from the painful injury he sustained three weeks ago, when a two-horse wagon loaded with wood ran over his ankle. It was remarkable that no bones were broken. The ankle was terribly bruised, and Mr. Stevens has been laid up ever since. He is now just getting out on crutches, and it will be considerable time yet before recovery is complete.

Mr. Eldridge's Appointment Confirmed

The senate Friday confirmed the appointment of G. A. Eldridge as postmaster.

William Reed of Riverside is laid up with the mumps, and Ira McClen, living in the same part of the town, is very sick with the disease.

John Barney Wright started out recently to hunt for the bear that get away with one of his traps several weeks ago. He drove as far as the Forks and struck into the woods, but the snow was so deep he could not trail and he had to give up the hunt.

The whist party and social held Friday evening by the Father Mathew society was well attended and greatly enjoyed by the members and their friends.

The Guilmant organ recital in North Adams Friday night was heard by a large number of people from this town who were enthusiastic over the wonderful work of the great musician.

Quite a number of young people went to North Adams Friday night to attend the hop given by the Pastime social club in Grand Army hall, and all reported a good time.

Mrs. L. A. Hunt, whose leg was broken six weeks ago today, sat up a little while Thursday for the first time since the accident, and is now up for a short time each day.

L. A. Hunt & Son have added a circular saw to their equipment and will deal in stove wood as well as feed and grain.

F. H. Daniels has a parrot which promises to develop unusually well. The bird is now only three years old, yet it is already a pretty good talker and great whistler. Mr. Daniels says parrots do not usually talk much till they are five or six years old, and he thinks this will be an extra good one. He bought the bird a year and a half ago in New York of a sailor who brought it from Brazil.

Mrs. Dwight Cronk, who operated an innkeeper with good success last year, has ordered another which will soon be received. Her operations will be enlarged this year and she expects to raise a large number of chickens for the Williamstown and North Adams markets.

The new drug room at the Boston Finishing works is nearly finished. The roof has been put on this week.

C. Cook returned Friday from Bennington, Vt., where he had been visiting for two days with his daughter, Mrs. George H. Moore.

The outside of S. J. Kellogg's new house is being painted by Samuel Starkweather. Edmond B. Noel has bought of his wife the goods in the Victor Noel store on Cole avenue, which were sold at auction some weeks ago by Sheriff Frink of North Adams.

COLLEGE OARSMEN.

Ten Eyck Would Put Them In Single Sculls For Two Years.
Edward Hanlan Ten Eyck, the young American oarsman who won the Diamond Sculls at Henley last summer, has a plan for developing college oarsmen. "First of all," he says, "I would take 12 or 15 good, strong fellows and put them in training for two years in single sculls. I would keep them rowing in single sculls and teach them all the arts of rowing that I know myself. The natural result of this training would be to make them thorough watermen. This course would develop an instinctive knowledge of every factor in the proper handling of oars and how to get the best results from them, which cannot be learned rowing in an eight."

"After this preparatory course," concluded Ten Eyck, "I would select the best eight men. The college that adopts this plan will win races, and records will be lowered all over the country. Oxford and Cambridge will suffer defeat just as surely as they have won in the past. It will take time, but the end will justify the patience, and the other college crews will have to change their tactics." —New York Herald.

THEY SAY!

And Thousands Echo Their Sentiments.

Who?
What the people say is true.
You can bet your life on that.
Who are the people?
We are the people.
But we are not all of them.
O, no!
Not by any means.
There are others.
There are thousands of them.
There are millions!
Lots of them in North Adams.
And they say—
What?

That California Catarrh Cure cures catarrh; that it stops hawking and spitting and the dropping into the throat; that it cures the stupefied feeling and all the other irritating symptoms.

Here is what one of them says, only one, but remember, there are others.

Frank Gard & Co., 25 South street, painter and paper hanger, familiar to North Adams people, says: "The way that California Catarrh Cure has relieved my headaches and stopped the dropping into my throat is wonderful. Being troubled with catarrh, I went to Burlingame & Darby's drug store and got a bottle, and from it we can truly testify to its great merits."

California Catarrh Cure for you, too. In case of colds it is invaluable, as it helps in breaking them up, and entirely prevents a cold "hanging on," as well as the attack of acute catarrh which so often follows a severe cold in the head.

To avoid Hay Fever in its season, used now, it will prevent the malady in its season. Get California Catarrh Cure. Nothing else is as good, no matter who says so; for nothing else cures so quickly. All dealers, 50 cents, three times as much for \$1.

THE LISTENER.

Lasker, the chess champion, is studying mathematics at the University of Heidelberg.

Senator William B. Bate of Tennessee began life as an undercoker on a Mississippi river steamboat.

Rev. Dr. John Watson (an MacLaren) has declined the call from a Presbyterian church in London and will remain in Liverpool.

Frank Nye is the name of the proprietor of a barber shop at Beaver Falls, Pa., and the owner takes great delight in painting it all over the building he occupies.

Lord Mansfield has been a member of the London Carlton club continuously since 1832. Gladstone joined the club in 1833, but left it in 1859 for political reasons.

Mr. Bradley Martin finished the shooting season at his Scotch estate, Dalmacanac, by a five days' shoot, which resulted in a bag of 3,400 head of game. There were ten gunners.

Mr. Lewis Hail, who died recently in Cambridge, was the man who helped Garrison out of the carpenter shop when his life was threatened by the mob during the famous Garrison riots.

Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, the Brooklyn divine, once wrote to Thomas Carlyle, asking for an interview, and received a characteristic note in reply. It said simply, "Three p. m., T. C."

Justice Horace Gray of the United States supreme court will be privileged to retire next March, when he will reach the age of 70. But as he is in vigorous health will probably continue in active service.

Governor Powers of Maine says that when he was a young justice of the peace he married a couple, later secured them a divorce, married the man to another woman, secured them a divorce and later remarried the original couple.

William Harper, chief of the bureau of information of the Philadelphia commercial museums, has arrived home after a trip around the world taken in the interests of the museums and the commercial organizations of Philadelphia.

President Cleveland could not dictate any matter which required consecutive thought and always wrote his messages entirely. President McKinley, however, can take a half hour now and then from his duties and dictate his messages and correspondence to a stenographer.

Lewis Wenner, who lives in Mount Pleasant township, Adams county, Pa., has had 22 funerals in his family, having buried 22 wives and 19 children. He is a sheoemaker, has lived nearly all his life in Adams county and is about 70 years old.

Carl Meyer, who has been the right-hand man of the Rothschild's London house for many years, has announced that he is soon to retire, alleging ill health as a reason. But men in the "city" say that he has been offered a partnership in another house. His salary from the Rothschilds was \$40,000 a year.

A MERRY WAR.

The merry war between the respective advocates of chain and chainless wheels continues. All persons with pet theories on the subject would do well to cease contention for the present. The new riding season will soon open, and its disclosures will settle the question permanently.—American Cyclist.

THE EARTH WANTS HIM.

Strange as it may seem, the novice bicycle rider does not want the earth. Not at all. The trouble is that the earth wants him and is sure to get him, too, often sooner than is good for the enamel on his new wheel and the skin on his knees and elbows.—Canadian Wheelman.

THE TATTLER.

Fanny Crosby of New York, the blind hymn writer, is now 77 years old.

Mrs. A. G. McOra of Chicago has regularly established herself as a landscape gardener.

The late Miss Susan S. Clark of Hartford left \$10,000 each to Trinity college and the Hartford hospital and \$20,000 to various religious and philanthropic societies.

Mrs. Allie M. Dey has just been appointed physician and surgeon of the Lake County (Ind.) Asylum and Hospital. She is the first woman in Indiana to be thus recognized.

Miss Minnie Powers of Lockport, N. Y., is 8 feet in height, lacking one inch.

She is the tallest woman in the United States. She is handsome in spite of her abnormal proportions.

Miss Mina Kessinger, whose betrothed went to war in 1860 and was killed in battle, lives the life of a recluse on her farm near Jackson, O., never going over 100 yards from her place.

Lady Gay is the pseudonym of Mrs. Denison, who has been for years the society editor of the Toronto Saturday Night, a publication which has a wide circulation throughout the Dominion.

Miss Molvily B. Wilson, whose statue "The Minuteman" President McKinley called "a good summer's work," has made a new departure in modeling small cabin busts which she reproduces in marble.

Miss Helen Lockwood of Peru, Ind., was to appear in a concert at Frankfort not long ago, but missed the train at Peru. Determined to keep her appointment, Miss Lockwood hired a horse and buggy and drove 65 miles across country, reaching her destination in time to fill her place.

Mrs. Lewis, who discovered manuscripts of the gospels in a Syrias convent on Mount Sinai, has been exploring the convent again in company with her sister, Mrs. Gibson, and has examined two Palestinian Syrias service books of the twelfth century, written in the dialect supposed to have been spoken by Christ.

Miss Evadine La Venda Leeds is a salesgirl at the perfume counter of a large store in St. Louis. She is one of the direct heirs of the Ball estate in Philadelphia, which is valued at \$6,000,000. Miss Leeds is said to be a pretty, attractive young woman, whose head is too sensible to be turned by the prospect of securing a fortune. Her great-great-grandmother was a cousin of George Washington.

PUGILISTIC NOTES.

It has been announced that Pedlar Palmer will retire from the ring after fighting Dave Sullivan in April.

Paddy Slavin, the former Australian champion heavyweight, has, according to reports, struck it rich in the Klondike.

Johnny Griffin, the "Braintree Lad,"

has returned from San Francisco, where he went to meet Solly Smith. Griffin is not in good health and will never be able to fight again.

Charlie Mitchell, through his father-in-law, "Pony" Moore, has challenged "Kid" McCoy to fight him at the National Sporting club of London on Feb. 21. Moore will allow McCoy \$500 for training expenses.

Young Stewart of Liverpool has issued a challenge to box any 108 pound boxer in the world. Stewart has quite a reputation in England and can secure backing for a tidy sum. He is willing to fight in this country.

Another athletic club, which will cater to pugilism principally, has been started in London. It will be known as the Albion Athletic club. Arrangements will be made to have American boxers figure in international contests.

Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," has deposited \$500 with the London Mirror of Life to meet "Kid" McCoy. Craig is ready to box the "Kid" 20 rounds at 155 pounds for \$2,000 a side and the best purse offered in England or America.

Stanton Abbott, who came to America several years ago as the representative lightweight champion of England, has retired from the ring. Abbott is at present in Providence, where he is engaged as a boxing instructor. Abbott has figured in 800 battles since he arrived in America.

General Elance's plans for ending the Cuban war sound very much like the boasting of a man who is about to attempt something on a wager.—New York Journal.

It is said by Chinese scholars that the language has a separate character for every word, hence the extraordinary difficulty in mastering written Chinese.

In a number of languages no characters exist for the vowel sounds, consonants only being expressed and the vowels indicated by a modification of the letter.

It is a curious fact that in the northern parts of Ireland and Scotland alphabetical characters closely resembling those of the Saxon were in common use until the end of the sixteenth century.

The oldest Jewish alphabet is supposed

by some scholars to have been an adaptation of the Egyptian ideographs. Its earliest use in a monument is supposed to be the Siloam inscription at Jerusalem.

It was now, a crossmark, and though a respectable ancient letter, indicates by its simplicity that names among its makers had probably become scarce when they were driven to so simple an expedient.

In Phoenician and Hebrew was learned, the ox gong, and from its close resemblance to that instrument or to a threshing floor, both of which were made alike in shape, it is no doubt the lineal descendant of a picture of one or the other of those objects.

PERT PERSONALS.

As we understand it, Champion Fitzsimmons has challenged Corbett to fight again.

Don Carlos wisely concludes that it would be too risky for him at this stage of the game to try to play the king.—Central Bluffs Nonpareil.

Now they are calling him "Nero Weyler." This perpetual attempt to blacken the memory of a dead man is, however, in bad taste.—Albany Argus.

With Mr. Lester controlling the bread and Mr. Armour the meat it is difficult to predict what will happen to the sandwich market this year.—Washington Star.

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Professor Small of Chicago says that "American diplomacy has made us the laughing stock of Europe." By the way, who is Professor Small of Chicago?—Philadelphia Bulletin.

PERT PENALTIES.

The penalty of popularity is envy.

The penalty of thin shoes is a cold.

The penalty of a tight boot is corns.

The penalty of marrying is a mother-in-law.

The penalty of a pretty cook is an empty ladder.

The penalty of a godfather is a silver knife, fork and spoon.

The penalty of interfering between man and wife is abuse, frequently accompanied with blows from both.

The penalty of buying cheap clothes is like going to law—the certainty of losing your suit and having to pay for it.

The penalty of remaining single is having no one who cares a button for you, as abundantly proved by the state of your shirts.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

GOLDING ON THE SNOW.

Those who have tried golfing on the snow unite in pronouncing it the ideal winter outdoor sport. About the only changes from the regular rules are that through the green, if the lie suits, the snow may be brushed away back of the ball, and if the lie is unsuitable the ball may be lifted without penalty and replaced near by, but in this case the snow may not be brushed away.

The ball must not be touched on the putting green nor the snow brushed away, except with the back of the hand, across the line of the put, as under ordinary circumstances. Snow play is far more trying than ordinary golf from the perplexing variety of the lies. The iron shots must be hit very clean if any considerable distance is desired, for a sliced shot is ruinous. Prudent players find it a wise plan to use the brassie on two shots rather than to risk smashing the wooden driver on the ice hardened ball. On the other hand, should the ball be well perched up on the snow, the driver may be used to advantage for the second shot, for if well hit the club will not be in any danger of being broken against the frozen ground as it sweeps away after the ball, for the snow forms a cushion that protects the club head from contact with the rock-like earth.—New York Sun.

AT ADAMS

CHURCH NOTES.

Universalist.

The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "The Power of Christ." In the evening "A Nation of Discontent."

Trinity Methodist.

Rev. Dr. T. A. Griffin of Troy, N. Y., will preach Sunday morning. In the evening the pastor will preach on "God's Presence."

The regular meeting of the Epworth League will be held at 6 o'clock p.m. The subject will be "Letting Christ Have His Way." Mrs. Dora Phillips will lead.

A business meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the church parlors Tuesday.

Haptist.

The pastor's Sunday morning subject will be "Our English Bible." Rev. George E. Whitehouse of Cheshire will exchange pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Foskett in the evening.

The regular meeting of the Young People's Union will be held at 6 o'clock p.m.

The ladies will serve their regular supper Tuesday evening.

St. Mark's.

Rev. Dr. Newton of Pittsfield will deliver a free lecture at the parish house under the auspices of the Young Men's Club. His subject will be "Henry George."

St. Thomas'.

An anniversary high mass of requiem was celebrated for Richard, brother of Rev. D. C. Moran, at 7:30 o'clock this morning by Rev. D. C. Moran.

Rev. D. C. Moran celebrated a high mass of requiem for Miss Alice Burke Friday morning at 7:15 o'clock.

The ladies have decided to postpone their regular suppers during the winter or until further notice.

Rev. P. J. Griffin and D. A. O'Malley of Holyoke and Rev. J. M. Prendergast of Hinsdale visited Rev. D. C. Moran Friday.

Grand Army Fair.

The Grand Army fair opens in the opera house this evening. There will be a short parade and concert by Lafayette band.

Dancing will be enjoyed for a few hours.

Monday evening a musical will be given.

Tuesday evening the Forest Park drum corps will have a short street parade and the Moliere Dramatic club will present a play.

Wednesday evening a farce entitled "A Pretty Piece of Business" will be presented by local talent under J. H. Hatton's direction.

Thursday evening Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans, of North Adams will attend.

Friday evening a regular dance will be held. Dancing will be free every night except Friday, when dancing badges will be sold.

The fair will close a week from tonight.

A Successful Recital.

The first pupils' recital by the local scholars of Professor Molony of Pittsfield was held in the old St. Charles church Friday evening. About 250 people were present. The recital proved to be one of the best ever given in town. The scholars played all their solo and duet selections in a manner which reflects great credit to themselves and to their teacher. Their efforts were thoroughly appreciated and the audience gave frequent applause. Owing to the illness of a member of the Harmonic quartet of Pittsfield only Messrs. Willis and Larkin were present and sang. Mr. Kingman gave some pleasing selections on the cell and Miss Weed was a favorite with her inaudible selections. Altogether the recital was pleasing throughout and Professor Molony is entitled to much credit for its success.

The Best Ending.

Among the cases entered at the superior court in Pittsfield at the present sitting was that of the commonwealth against Edward Hastings for adultery. It will be remembered that there was a good deal of law proceedings about the case in the local district court and he was held under heavy bonds. Lawyer Couch of North Adams was Mr. Genet's counsel and Shaw and Harrington defended Mrs. Genet and Mr. Hastings in the district court. Since the last trial in this town a reconciliation was effected and Mr. and Mrs. Genet are again living together. Lawyer Cassidy appeared at Pittsfield and stated the latter fact to the court and the grand jury found no indictment.

Sale and Entertainment.

The sale and entertainment held at the Methodist church parlors Friday evening under the auspices of the Junior Epworth League was well attended and successful. The entertainment consisted of a dialogue entitled "The Indian Doctor" by Elmer Waldron, Herbert Tinney, Ralph Hildreth, George Sherman, Frank Richardson and Robert Davis. Recitations were given by Daisy Kearns, Elma Perkins, Bessie and Hazel Wright and Walter Drandall. A harmonica duet was played by Herbert Tinney and Robert Davis. Refreshments were served and quite a seat sum was realized.

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THERE WAS A JOKE.

But Was It on the Pig or on the Jolly Tinner?

Theodore Mowen, a Clarksville (Mo.) tinner, is confined to his home with a broken arm and badly bruised body as the result of a peculiar accident. One of Theodore's friends called on him to repair a leaking waterpout. The jolly tinner got his ladder and climbed up, carrying his little stove, iron and stock of solder. In Clarksville there are numerous pigs walking the streets and fields, feeding on the surplus provisions of the community. It happened that when Mowen was plugging up holes in the damaged spout one of the numerous family of mud loving quadrupeds came snorting and waddling under the ladder. Mowen couldn't resist the temptation to have a little fun. He is a good lover of roast pig. He also enjoys a hog race, and nothing delights him more than to see one of the fat animals putting on speed and uttering shrill cries as he travels.

Consequently, when the pig in question sauntered under the ladder, Mowen thought it would be a capital joke to drop a bit of molten solder on its back and see how fast he could run and how loud he could yell.

"I'll just put my iron in the fire, get it redhot and touch it to the solder. Then I'll let the hot stuff drip on that chunk of grease. Oh, it's a daisy idea!" And suiting the action to his thoughts the joker poked his iron into the stove, got it hot, applied it to the solder and a little stream of molten metal poured on the animal's back.

The pig uttered a piercing squeal and made a dash forward. Mowen laughed loudly enough to perform the spout with joy. The idea had worked like a charm. The pig hesitated a moment after starting off. Then, as if understanding the situation perfectly, he walked through the lower rung of the ladder. His head got through all right, but his body was too big. The result was that ladder, Mowen, solder and pig fell in a heap to the ground.

The pig escaped uninjured, but Mowen's arm was broken, and he sustained several bruises on the head, face and body. Friends heard his cries and came to his assistance. He was picked up and carried to his home, and his condition is regarded as serious. The pig's burns are not dangerous, and the revengeful creature again is rolling in the mud of Clarksville.

Mr. Mowen doesn't think his trouble is any "laughing matter." He has foreseen joking when engaged at his trade, and anybody who talks to him about "the pig in the poke and the ladder that broke" receives a cold response. He bargained for just a little fun, he says, but did not reckon on having his good intentions reciprocated.

The incident is known in Clarksville as the "pig accident," and the animal that caused the disturbance has the right of way in every street, field and house in the city.—*St. Louis Republic*.

Flat Building Amenities.

"Here's an article that tells how all the disagreeable odors from cooking may be absorbed and prevented from spreading over the house," he said as he looked up from his paper.

"I don't want to see it," she returned promptly. "If you run across anything that shows how the odors may be intensified, you might call my attention to it, but I don't want anything else. The woman in the top flat has been pounding her piano until she has given me a headache, and I am going out to the kitchen now to cook onions and cabbage just to get even with her."—*Chicago Post*.

Partial Diagnosis.

"What's the matter with him, doctor?" asked the worried father.

The young physician took another look at the boy's tongue, felt his pulse again, noted his temperature and proceeded to pour out some medicine.

"I've forgotten the technical name for it," he replied. "But it ends in 'itis.' I'll fetch him out of it all right."—*Chicago Tribune*.

Insurance Item.

"Ever been any insanity in your family?" asked the agent who was writing out Sam Handwich's application for a life insurance policy.

"Really?" cooed the plump memberess. "I never found any difficulty."

At this juncture the president rapped for order.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

How Could She?

Father—No, Freddie, I can't answer your three thousand six hundred and fifty-seventh question, "why orphans can't make popcorn."

Freddy—Cause they haven't any popper.—*New York Journal*.

What the Old Man Was.

"My pop don't ride no wheel," said the bad small boy, rubbing the seat of his little bloomer after the interview, "but he's a sorcerer all the same."—*Springfield (Ills.) Monitor*.

They're Kept All Right.

"Well, have you kept the resolutions you made last New Year's?"

"No, but my wife has—she repeats 'em to me pretty near every day."—*Detroit News*.

New Defense.

"You say that burglar's defense was a plea of insomnia. Don't you mean kleptomania?"

"No. I mean insomnia. He claimed that he could not sleep of nights, and hated to have his time going to waste that way."—*Indianapolis Journal*.

In the Smoky City.

Mr. Gaswell—An eastern astronomer says he has discovered two groups of spots on the sun.

Mr. Gasell—I wish he would come to Pittsburg and make an effort to discover the sun itself.—*Pittsburg Chronicle*.

Modest Wish.

"At least," said the gentleman whose appointment to place in China seemed to have been held up indefinitely, "at least I hope they'll send me out there before there isn't any China to go to."—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Perfectly Safe.

She—Mamma is in the next room. He—Do you suppose she would know it if I should kiss you?

She—Oh, no. She is very deaf.—*Detroit Free Press*.

No Doubt.

Zim—The great Chinese wall is well guarded.

Zam—You bet. There are Chinks even in the wall itself.—*New York Journal*.

Degrees of Vivacity.

Watta—I've got an uncle 80 years old and he is as frisky as a schoolboy.

Potts—As a schoolboy going to school or coming out?—*Indianapolis Journal*.

How It Was Done.

"He made his fortune breaking a cradle."

"He doesn't look like a nurse."

"He isn't. The orade was in the Klondike."—*New York Sunday World*.

UPHOLDING HIS REPUTATION

The Oklahoma Landlord Rises to the Defense of the Local Whiskers.

"I don't believe the wind blows as hard here as it does up in Kansas," remarked the stranger from the land of whiskers.

"You don't, har?" replied the landlord of a Hotel City (O. T.) hotel, his pride in his own locality instantly up in arms. "What puts such an idea as that into your head?"

"Why, up there," answered the stranger, "it is common enough for the wind to blow the feathers off from chickens and the hair off from men's heads. I once knew a straight, steady gal to blow a half grown calf against the end of a barn, close up under the eaves and hold the animal there for nine days till it starved to death. I recall the case of a love cracked young man who reportedly tried to commit suicide by jumping off from a high bluff in the face of a gale, and every time he jumped the wind blew him back to his original starting point. He was a persistent fellow, and tried the experiment 20 times, but at last gave it up in despair and went and married a redheaded widow with seven soiled children. I haven't heard any such stories of the wind's power since I came here."

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He was evidently embarrassed for having to interrupt the permutations of a jay avowed, especially one of middle age and of matronly measure.

"Ah—ah—excuse me, madam," he nervously explained, "but I'll have to take you down to the justice's office."

With a coolness that entirely disarmed him, she smiled as she replied:

"Oh, sir, that's just what I've been waiting for for over 30 years. Come on."

He escaped around the corner and looked back to see her continuing up the sidewalk.—*Detroit Free Press*.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Give the fowls plenty of sunshine and fresh air daily.

If the hens are not laying well, try a change of food.

Darkness of the comb is an indication of congestion of some kind.

Most cheap egg foods are composed largely of ground oyster shells.

When the weather is very cold or storming, it will be better to keep the poultry confined.

Linsed meal is excellent if fed in small quantities, but fed too liberally it fattens too much.

Too much solid food when there is not proper exercise tends to fatten, and fat hens do not lay well.

Mark all the pullets you want to save by punching a hole in the web of the foot with a sharp steel punch.

If the poultry house has a hard floor, a liberal sprinkling of sand over it will aid materially in keeping it clean.

Nearly all medium sized fowls are more active and easier to raise than the larger varieties, while the demand in market favors a carcass of medium size.—*St. Louis Republic*.

PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

Miss Julia M. Bracken, a sculptor of Chicago, has been successful in making a death mask of the late Washington Hesing of Chicago.

M. Valbert in the *Revue de Deux Mondes* tells how Renan received every year from a province in France an anonymous letter saying simply, "Don't forget that you are going to be damned."

M. Lecomte du Nouy, the painter of oriental subjects, is executing three large frescoes to adorn a chapel which is being built after the Greco style for Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, perhaps better known as Carmen Sylva.

The latest notable portrait painted by John S. Sargent, the American painter, who is a member of the Royal Academy, is of Miss Daisy Leiter, formerly of Chicago, and is intended for the Academy of 1898. Miss Leiter is a sister of the famous beauty who was married not long ago to the Hon. George Curzon.

Some Boxing News.

A most unique boxing bout was recently held in Chicago. Two one armed men, Jack Carr and Billy Kennedy, fought savagely for three rounds, when

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I know not that record or sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.

—John A. Andrew.

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."

From the Seal of the city of North Adams.

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SPAIN'S DESPERATION.

Spain's plan of autonomy in Cuba has failed. It is nonsense to say that it is longer on trial, as the government at Washington does. It has collapsed. The riots in Havana are proof positive that even Spaniards despise it and condemn it. The insurgents have rejected it and continue to fight on, destroying property and Spanish soldiers more than ever.

In what position does the failure of autonomy leave Spain? Her position is more critical than ever.

A conservative correspondent from Washington says that it is a common belief at the national capitol that Spain will force trouble before very long. People do not regard the mobs in Havana as of any account. They are merely unsettling. The irritation which is seriously feared will be started at Madrid.

The best advises, continues the correspondent, shows that the present Spanish ministry cannot long stand. It is only a makeshift anyway. Its scheme of autonomy for Cuba is a failure. It has three foes in Spain, the old conservative party which stands by Weyler, the republicans and the Carlists. Any one of them is likely in a few days' notice, to get possession of the government. Whatever it does will throw over the autonomy programme and announce its determination to fight this country on almost any pretext. This will be done, not with the idea of saving Cuba, but of losing it.

Any political party in Spain would be ruined by surrendering Cuba to the rebels; it would be glorified by getting into a war with this country, no matter how quick the defeat and how complete the loss. The minute the Spanish administration goes down, our administration can feel that all hope for comparatively decent administration in Cuba by the Spaniards is gone. That moment the Cuban sympathizers in Congress will insist on action by the president, and the president under those circumstances will not refuse. A succession of circumstances may prevent this result. But almost anything will bring it about the minute the Spanish ministry goes and a remarkable combination will be necessary to prevent this.

NORTHAMPTON'S WAY.

There is likely to be a very hot time in Northampton over the superintendent of schools in that city. Such an original method of getting rid of an unpopular superintendent is to be used, that we here reprint the plan as told by the Northampton Gazette, which says:

A strong effort is going to be made by members of the city council to get rid of Superintendent Pease of the schools. Mr. Pease's enemies say that the school committee is likely to keep on re-electing him for some time, although it is stated there are two members of the school board who are opposed to him, but how long it will take these two to leave the whole board sufficiently to get a majority to vote against him is quite problematical. But that which is open to those who have pulled off their coat to go into the fight against the superintendent is to starve him out by cutting down his salary. Some propose to cut it down to \$900, but others think either \$1,400 or \$1,500 will be about right for a starter. It that does not have the desired effect, then make another cut next year. It is claimed that a canvass of the members of the common council shows a majority is in favor of reducing the salary. Some of them say it is not because the salary is too large for the right kind of a man. They would willingly vote \$2000 or \$2500 even for a successor who was competent and in favor with the people. With the tenor of the parents and an almost universal feeling of ill will on the part of the school, the prime movers in the opposition, to Mr. Pease say that it is high time that the school committee make way for a new man, and hence the effort to go to the mat to reduce the salary of the superintendent's salary when the council vote on fixing the salaries of city officials next month.

A little more rioting in Havana will make Cuba free.

Guilmet was a great success in the city, and his visit redounds to the credit of North Adams organists.

Senator Hoar put his knife into the A. P. again Friday when the discussion Mr. McKenna's nomination to the Supreme court came up in the senate. Senator Hoar very rightly says that politics and religion should not be mixed.

The workmen coming to this city daily and who are employed in the mills and shops here want lower street rates. Their wages are not so high but what such a saving would be very acceptable and should be granted them if possible.

The New Bedford strike begins Monday, when the weavers propose to try for a restoration of wages, the abolition of the "ring" system, and the adoption of a

uniform price list in all the mills in the city. The New Bedford board of trade and city council are both using every effort to prevent the strike and each has appointed arbitration committees. But the most serious labor trouble seems to be awaiting all the cotton-working cities.

The criticism of this city's poor farm by the state board of lunacy and charity will thoroughly arouse this community. If neglect or mismanagement makes harder the lives of the unfortunate inmates, the speediest reform should be demanded. Uncleanliness and vermin have no excuse for existence at the town farm, and the charge that the sexes are not separated is abhorrent. Let this matter be sifted to the bottom and thorough correction of the management be made at once if necessary.

The gravity of the Cuban situation ought to be fully realized by the people, in order that they may not be surprised in case the worst comes. However, it would be very wrong to spread alarmist reports or to cause unnecessary excitement over the matter. Everybody should keep cool and let his hair grow. One thing we can be sure of, the United States has thus far done nothing to give Spain cause for offense, and any trouble that might arise would almost surely be forced upon us by the terrible conditions of the problem which Spain contends with. Concessions of this, the American people can be perfectly serene. Springfield Republican.

The charity ball has vindicated itself in accordance with the doctrine that the fittest survive. The voices that have sometimes been raised against it are silent now, but the ball flourishes year after year, becoming with the lapse of time, the growth of taste, and the improvement of facilities, even more brilliant than of yore. Moreover, there are indications that experience may have taught economy which together with increased attendance will lead to larger net financial returns this year than have been secured at times in the past. This is the hope of the ladies who are promoting it.

Two men met in an office on Main street this morning. Both had heard Guilmet the previous evening and both were viewing in words of praise and adoration. "Superb," "grand," "each night," etc., were some of the words used. But suddenly a change came over the spirit of their conversation. One had said that it was "Old Hundred" that was given Guilmet to improvise, and the other declared it was "America." They grew earnest, got red in the face, and parted each declaring that he could not mistake such grand music. The incident has its moral: However grand that music, everyone who gushes about it today doesn't do it for musical reasons.

The department store is fast becoming one of the new and serious problems in the retail business. There are indications that a combination of these stores is already being formed. J. N. Huston of Indiana, treasurer of the United States under President Harrison, says he believes the great department stores in all the cities of the country are secretly joining forces to concentrate their power in the expectation that such a trust may be successfully organized to control the retail business of the country in every branch. He says: "The trust would not be a dream, were it to be a national institution, would control the price of everything, indirectly the interest rate on money, politics and everything else." The aim is to crush out the small dealers. When the fight comes on for final settlement the newspapers will take a hand, both to protect themselves and their many small advertising customers.

WRECK OF THE JULIE PLANTE

[A legend of Lac St. Pierre.]
On wan dark night on Lac St. Pierre
De win' she blow, blow, blow,
An de crew of de wood scow Julie Plante
Gone down in de below.
De de win' she blow hurricane,
Blow she blow some more,
An de scow has' up on Lac St. Pierre
Van arpent de shore.

De captaine walk on de front deck
An walk de h'p deck too.
He call de crew from up de hole.
Call de cook also.
De cook she's name was Rosie.
She come from Montreal,
Was chambermaid on lumber barge
Or de Grand Lacine canal.

De win' she blow from nor' eas' wes',
De sout' win' she blow, too.
Wen Rosie cry, "Mon cher captaine,
Mon cher, w'at I shall do?"
Don de captaine t'row de big saukere,
But still de scow she dreef.
De crew he can't pass on de shore.
Becos' he los' heos' skeef.

De night was dark lak' wan black cat
De scow run high as fast,
Wen de crew talk to de Rosie girl
An tie h'p to de dock.
De he also talk' de life preserve
An jump off on de late.
An say, "Goodby, ma Rosie, dear;
I go 'round for your sake."

Nex' morning very early,
Bout h'p pas' two-t'ree-four—
De captaine—scow—a de poor Rosie
Was corpus on de shore,
Por de win' she blow lak' hurricane,
Blow she blow some more,
An de scow has' up on Lac St. Pierre
Van arpent from de shore.

MORAL
Now, all good wood scow sailorman
Tuk' warning by dat storm
An go amarry some nice French girl
An leev on wan beev farm.
De win' can blow lak' hurricane,
An' s'pose she blow some more,
You can get down on Lac St. Pierre
So long as you stay on shore.
W. H. Drummond's Own Version in "The Habitants and Other French Canadian Poems."

Smoke Projects From Lightning.

On the approach of a thunderstorm French peasants often make up a very smoky fire, says Industries and Iron, in the belief that safety from lightning is thus assured. By some this is deemed a superstition, but Schuster shows that the custom is based on reason, inasmuch as the smoke acts as a good conductor for carrying away the electricity safely and safely. He points out that in 1,000 cases of damage by lightning 6,3 churches and 8,5 mills have been struck, while the number of factory chimneys has only been 0,3.

Cared by a Burglar.

Professor Bronner, in a recent lecture, related the following case: A man had a pharyngeal abscess, so deeply seated that his medical attendant was afraid to meddle with it. One night a burglar broke into the house, and on the sick man calling for help tried to throttle him. The abscess burst, deluging the burglar with pus and causing him to beat a rapid retreat. His intended victim experienced relief and made a rapid recovery. —Medical

WALTER WELLMAN.

Simply Confin'd Do It.

"And you wouldn't begin a journey on Friday?"

"You bet I wouldn't."

"I can't understand how you can have any faith in such a silly superstition."

"No superstition about it—Saturday's pay day." —Detroit News.

Evils of Racing.

Employer (warily)—I am informed, sir, that you attend horse races and bet on them.

Clark (coolly)—I won \$1,000 last week.

Employer (excitedly)—Where you get your tips? —New York Weekly.

FAVORS CUBA'S CAUSE.

President Deeply Stirred by Stories of Spanish Cruelty.

HIS EFFORTS TO RELIEVE DISTRESS

Disappointed by the Feeble Response to His Call for Subscriptions—Why the American People Do Not "Chip In" More Liberally.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—[Special.]—President McKinley has the cause of Cuba under most earnest consideration. I am able to say that the president has been more stirred by recent information that has come to him concerning the pitiable condition of the rural people of the island than by anything that has occurred in the past. The battles and skirmishes between Spanish and insurgents, their cruelty to prisoners and their summary executions, the destruction of property and the long list of Cuban woes recited over and over again during the past two years have not impressed the president a tenth part as much as the harrowing descriptions of starvation, disease and death among the noncombatants, the innocent women and children of rural Cuba. President McKinley often talks of the terrible picture to be seen near our own shores, and though he has not as yet announced an intention to take steps officially with a view to alleviating the horrors no one would be surprised if he were to do so.

The Relief Subscription.

It was at the president's suggestion that Secretary Bliss and other members of the cabinet subscribed, with Mr. McKinley's help, the sum of \$5,000 for relief of the "reconcentrados" in Cuba. Moreover, the president was so much disappointed with the immediate results of his first call for subscriptions that he gave orders to have the state department prepare and issue a second call, which was done some days ago.

The results are still disappointing, and the cause of the failure of the American people to subscribe more liberally is well understood in administration circles. President McKinley understands that the people of this country, or many of them at least, feel that it is the duty of our government to intervene for the purpose of putting an end to the terrible conditions which prevail in Cuba. The people feel, too, that if through charity this country relieves the suffering decisive action on the part of our government may be the longer delayed. All this, I happen to know, has made a deep impression upon the president, and he is now considering the Cuban question in the light of the relations as to the prevailing horrors and the state of public opinion in the United States. For these reasons there are keen observers in Washington who think some surprise on the Cuban question may be sprung in the next few weeks.

President's Sources of Information.

The president is thoroughly and accurately informed as to the conditions which exist in Cuba. In the first place, he has the reports of our consuls in the island. There are seven or eight of these officials, stationed, some of them, at the very points where the greatest amount of suffering is to be found. They have sent to the state department reports full of the most harrowing details—reports which the authorities do not deem it wise to give to the public at this time.

In addition to a great mass of official information from Consul General Lee and our other consular representatives in Cuba, the president has carefully read the articles written for the newspapers by the American correspondents, both of whom are personally known to the president as careful observers and trustworthy men. One is Charles M. Pepper, formerly stationed in Washington and through the campaign of 1896 at Canton, where he enjoyed Mr. McKinley's confidence to a remarkable degree. The other is Edgar J. Gibson, also a Washington correspondent and a personal friend of the president. I am informed that Mr. McKinley has read all that these two men have written and that he has given them credit for stating the only facts.

Indeed it is gossiped here that these two newspaper men betook themselves to Cuba to make their investigations upon suggestions or instructions made by the president himself that their work would be personally appreciated by him. But this is an overstatement of the case, though it is true that the president knew these two writers were going to Cuba and promised to give their accounts his careful attention.

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For Diplomatic Effect.

There is a great deal of gossip here to the effect that President McKinley started the public relief subscription as much for diplomatic effect as for anything else. The facts are that he was so much stirred by the pitiful stories of starvation that he gave little or no thought to possible diplomatic effect. But as the Spanish government thought of it and had it done so would have declined to permit the United States to distribute relief through the hands of American officials. I learn that Senator Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, is now sorry he did not advise his government to refuse consent to such distribution. But as a matter of fact the Spanish had no option. They did not dare refuse for fear of the possible effect upon public opinion in the United States.

As the record now stands the president has been able to bring forth the best possible sort of proof that a frightful condition of affairs does exist in Cuba. Were this not true why should the United States offer relief and why should Spain accept it? Here in Washington public men are saying President McKinley has skillfully prepared the way for any action concerning Cuba which he may decide to take. If he resolves to interfere, he has good ground to stand upon from the human point of view as well as the diplomatic. If he comes to press for payment of claims due from Spain to citizens of the United States, the ground is ready for that. If he chooses to intervene in the name of humanity, there is no lack of natural causes, known to the world, leading up to such a result.

It is apparent to close observers here that something is brewing as to Cuba. The air is filled with it. Not only the administration, but congress, is planning action. How soon the blow will fall and what will be its precise nature it is too early to say, but there is talk of a friendly rapprochement between the administration and certain leaders in congress as to which shall have the honor of heating the rod. If this is true, the president has an immense advantage over all possible rivals. He can move whenever he sees fit, and if there is danger of an effort in congress to "force his hand" he may move with more rapidity than will be pleasing to the Spaniards.

WALTER WELLMAN.

Simply Confin'd Do It.

"And you wouldn't begin a journey on Friday?"

"You bet I wouldn't."

"I can't understand how you can have any faith in such a silly superstition."

"No superstition about it—Saturday's pay day." —Detroit News.

Evils of Racing.

Employer (warily)—I am informed, sir, that you attend horse races and bet on them.

Clark (coolly)—I won \$1,000 last week.

Employer (excitedly)—Where you get your tips? —New York Weekly.

A Philosophical View.
Aunt Sally—What's the matter?
Uncle Josh—They say the cars is block-ed an' can't go ahead for ten minutes.
Aunt Sally—Well, thank goodness, they can't run over anybody for awhile, any-how.—Town Topics.

In His Mind's Eye.



No, this is not a freak picture. It simply shows how young Calloway felt the first time he put on his first new coat, silk hat, patent leather shoes and gloves all at the same time.—New York Journal.

Hint to Wives.

When your husband goes out between acts to see a man, have some nice man drop in his vacant seat to see you.—Boston Transcript.

His Best Poem.

The Poet—Which of my poems do you think is the best?

She—I haven't read that one yet.—Harlem Life.

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November 21, 1897.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Col. F. S. Richardson has been made clerk of the house committee on military affairs.

M. E. Couch returned today from Dalton, where he has been attending his brother, who is ill.

M. V. Meade will organize a new dancing class in his rooms on Eagle street Monday evening.

Miss A. Hathaway of Adams, W. L. Meyers of Pownal, Vt., and A. F. Rice of Florida returned to Bliss Business college this week.

There will be a special chalk talk service at the city rescue mission this evening, the subject being "The Message of the Hour."

Dennis Harrington had the end of his finger cut off in a sausage machine on which he was at work, at the City market, Friday.

Miss A. D. Blanchard and Mrs. S. S. White will go to New York Monday to visit friends and relatives. They will return Saturday.

The bids for building the new street car barns which will be erected in the spring are all in, and the contract will be let in a short time.

J. V. Ashman and George Tanner, who on January 4 began taking the census of births in this city for the year 1897, will finish the work in a few days.

W. H. & C. C. Peck have bought of F. N. Blake & Co., their photographers, a new business. The manufacture of dry plates will be continued by Blake & Co.

The athletic association at Drury has revised the constitution to provide for the office of athletic director chosen from the faculty, and has elected F. W. Memmott to the position.

The case of the S. Blackinton company, which has been before the court for some time, has been practically straightened out, and the resignation of Sheriff Frink, the assignee, has been accepted.

J. A. Johnson will receive a carload of Iowa horses at his stables tomorrow night, and during the week will dispose of them at prices that should attract everyone who thinks of getting a horse.

At a meeting held by the firemen Friday evening the advisability of holding an annual supper was discussed. It was the general opinion that such a thing should be done, and a committee will look after the event.

The funeral of Miss Louise R. Willian was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of her father, Thomas Willian, 28 Brooklyn street. Rev. J. C. Tebetta officiated and the burial was in Hildeside cemetery.

Wells encampment, No. 23, I. O. O. F., held its installation of officers Friday evening. District Deputy Frank Brattell of Greenfield acting as installing officer. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

The state board of agriculture has decided on the dates of the agricultural fair to be held in this section next fall, which have been announced. The Hoosac Valley Agricultural society will hold its next fair September 20 and 21.

The Pastime social club gave a very pleasant dance Friday evening in Grand Army hall, about 100 couples attending. The prizes for the best waltzers were won by Miss Ida Wessels and John Mullin. The ideal orchestra furnished the music.

Sheriff Fuller served a copy of the indictments for murder and manslaughter upon Nathaniel Mosley at the jail in Pittsfield Friday. Mosley didn't seem to understand the action and inquired anxiously what it was expected he would do with the papers.

The Independent club held a private social and dance in their rooms on Eagle street Friday evening. About 60 people were present. The event was held in consequence of the opening of a new parlor which is an addition to the club's quarters. Refreshments were served and general good time was had.

There has been a division in the Schubert Orchestral club. A part of the players remain with Byron G. Briggs, the leader, and will retain the name, while the larger number have gone under the leadership of Professor Monroe and the organization will be known as Monroe's orchestra.

A joint installation of the C. D. Sanford post and its auxiliaries will be held in the opera house hall of the G. A. R. building on Tuesday evening. Exercises will begin at 7:45 o'clock. There will be a

musical in connection with the exercises, and all associates and their ladies are invited to be present.

Mrs. F. D. Parsons of Springfield, cousin of Mrs. W. S. Carr, died at her home Friday morning after an illness of about three weeks. She was well known in this as a singer of repute and a lady of rare social attainments. She leaves a husband and one son five years old. The funeral will be held at the home in Springfield Monday afternoon.

Dr. R. C. Flower's lecture next Tuesday afternoon at Wilson opera house free to ladies will be a great and complete entertainment of itself, abounding with the freshest and newest thought of the age on the health, youth and beauty of women. Dr. Flower without question is one of the finest orators this country has ever produced, and for beauty of speech, pathos and irresistibility with he has never had a superior.

Mueller, the missing Brookfield hired man suspected of the murder of the Newton family, has at last been seen in this city, and the honor of North Adams is equal to any city in enterprise is again upheld. He was seen on the new Brattleboro road Thursday night by a man who recognized him by his felt boots and the German accent in the solo he was whistling. Mueller has also been seen in several other places near here, so far as descriptions given by excited individuals of men they have met who were wearing the fatal felt boots is evidence. The police recall also that the descriptions of Mueller tally closely with that of a German prisoner who was discharged here about two months ago and who is thought to have gone east.

BLACKINTON.

William Howells is home from Boston where he went to be treated for a slight throat trouble.

Rev. J. H. Spencer of North Adams will take for his subject for Sunday's sermon at the Blackinton church: "Anxiety for Souls."

The Y. P. S. C. E. have been given a written lease of the Blackinton hall for one year by O. A. Archer.

Librarian O. A. Archer has had the books in the free library rearranged and some new book cases built, making it much more convenient for the patrons of the library.

At a meeting held in school hall Friday evening by the Welsh residents of this vicinity the following committee was appointed to arrange for the proper observance of St. David's day, March 1: Harry R. Hamer, chairman; Edward J. Hughes, secretary; Richard Davis, Alfred Jones, John H. Williams and John Owens of Blackinton, and H. R. Hamer and John Williams of Brattleboro. It was also voted to hold annual meeting on the last Friday of March. The committee will begin at once to arrange for the coming banquet.

Some few years ago a chapel was built and paid for at Chin Choo, China, with money raised by the Greylock Union of Christian Endeavor societies. A Bible woman was maintained there by the above union until the financial depression came when it was voted to dispense with her services. During the past two weeks considerable interest has been awakened over the re-establishing of a Bible woman at the Greylock chapel in China and on Sunday a collection will be taken up in the Blackinton church for that purpose.

The taking up of the collection is in no way connected with Greylock union but is the work of local members of the Y. P. S. C. E., who have been assured of substantial assistance by members of the Blackinton church. Let all contribute at least a mite as every little will help for an evening.

Among the Churches.

CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday morning service will be especially for the King's Daughters. The pastor will preach. Regular services will be held Sunday evening. The subject will be "Who is the Lord's Sick?"

Next Sunday the pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. J. L. Scudder of Jersey City, N. J. He is pastor of the famous "People's Palace" and a recognized leader of the Congregational church. He will preach morning and evening and will speak on "The Institutional Church."

Wednesday evening the Fisk jubilee singers will give a concert.

METHODIST.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. The fourth quarterly conference will be held Tuesday evening. Presiding Elder Griffin of Troy, N. Y., will preside. The Canadian jubilee singers will give a concert Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor's subject for Sunday morning will be "Paul's Anxiety for Souls." In the evening J. H. Balmer and his African children will be present and life in South Africa will be narrated. The Father Lights will hold a business meeting Wednesday evening. J. H. Balmer and his African children will give a concert Monday evening.

UNIVERSALIST.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. Miss Kata Arnold will sing at the Congregational church in exchange with Miss Elva Brown of that church.

Y. M. C. A.

The boys' meeting will be held at the rooms at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Fred Burnham will lead.

Among the Merchants

Jaffe's water sale began today and will continue until the \$5000 worth of damaged goods are sold. Prices have been put at the lowest notch and bargains abound.

Special prices on meats at Zeiser's market tonight.

Housekeepers will find much to interest them in the prices advertised by the Boston store.

Five hundred pounds of fine Vermont creamery butter are offered at an attractive price at Benson's.

It's no time to change the Sunday dinner program and take advantage of Tower's poultry sale.

Barnes' will continue to give a 10-cent piece with every dollar's worth bought as a before.

Brown's Marshall street market advertises some prices that are basket stretchers.

President Dole of Hawaii.

It is now announced officially that President Dole of Honolulu is to pay President McKinley a visit respecting the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. Sanford Blackinton Dole is a graduate of Williams college, and no doubt will pay his alma mater a visit while in this country. He was a classmate of Wallace Freeman, and when Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were visiting these islands they were entertained by Mr. Dole and family. No doubt if President Dole should visit Williamstown he could be prevailed upon to give the people of this city a lecture on those islands,—at least it would be worth an effort to try and secure President Dole for an evening.

Ice Business Sold.

The Hudson Brook ice business, owned by the late Bert Lamb, has been sold to J. A. Twing, formerly of the ice firm of J. H. Orr & Co. Mr. Twing has taken possession and is preparing for the harvest at the pond near the Natural Bridge. He has set up a steam engine to operate the elevator and if the weather is suitable cutting and storing will soon begin.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The public is cordially invited to this evening's free entertainment.

Tickets for the entertainment by the Paul sisters will go on sale at Hastings' drug store Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The boys' illustrated bible class will meet Monday evening.

NEW DRESS FABRICS.

It is announced that ginghams are to occupy an important position in the line of spring cotton goods. Small plaid will be a favorite design.

Percales will be seen next season. End of pretty, odd designs will make the goods unusually attractive, and it will be used for shirt waists and children's dresses.

In silks moires will be in great demand for the coming season. Lightweight silks will be much worn, and the range of color and variety of design make it easy for one to select a charming gown.

Mod. color promises to be again popular. Six new and especially pretty shades have recently appeared in Paris and were at once sought for because of the beauty and softness of their dyeing.

Dress goods showing braded effects are exceedingly popular. On colored grounds the designs are black in wavy and zigzag sotachoo effects. The material is an all wool satin finish. The favorite grounds are brown, green, heliotrope, blue and red.

Light tissue materials in medium qualities will be in demand another season.

Chiffons, gauzes, net, liberty silk and mousselines in endless variety of coloring will soon be seen in the stores and for evening wear will prove both satisfactory and stylish.

In Paris among the new color combinations in phials are seen fine lines of dark shades appearing on lighter grounds.

Grey is seen on background of light blue, white, pale pink and heliotrope. A novel shade showed threads of dark blue in combination with bright green, red, white and clear yellow.

What is called uncrushable grenadine is a most beautiful fabric that is sure to prove itself popular to women who like a soft yet really elegant silk toilet. This new grenadine looks like fine black lace, is silky in touch and exquisite in sheen.

Grenadine will be much worn in the spring, and this uncrushable variety will retail at \$6 a yard. —New York Tribune.

Pyrorena.

An absolute cure for piles. A home remedy, endorsed by home people. North Adams druggists sell it.

A Stamford Remedy.

Pyroglycous acid, which is made from wood by Houghton and Wilmot of Stamford and used in the Arnold print works, furnishes the curative power of Pyrorena, the untailing pile remedy. Local druggists sell it.

It Cures Catarrh.

Pyrorena cures catarrh and all nasal troubles by its wonderful healing action upon inflamed and diseased membranes.

Pyrorena, the untailing pile remedy. Local druggists sell it.

TOWN TOPICS.

Great is the descent from the Boston tea party of Dec. 16, 1773, to the Boston 5 o'clock of the present day.—Boston Globe.

Art in Pittsburgh has obtained a secure place when paintings by Millet are used to ornament the walls of our banks.—Pittsburgh Tribune.

Pyrorena cures catarrh and all nasal

A New Book Typewriter.

Much local interest has been shown during the past few days in a new typewriter which C. C. Isbell of Hamblen & Isbell's drug store has in his office. It is a machine whose purpose is to do type writing in bound books, ledgers, dockets and all kinds of record books, and on heavy card-boards. It can also be used equally well for writing on letter paper, like the ordinary typewriter.

The machine is made by the firm of Elliott & Hatch of New York, Mr. Hatch, who is Mr. Isbell's brother-in-law, having improved the original invention of Mr. Elliott, and made possible its manufacture. It was first patented in 1896, and has many patents running through '96 and '97. It has also been patented in all European countries.

The principle of the machine is simple. The ordinary typewriter brings the paper to the writing point, and the type bars strike up to it, the type being rolled for each line. On the Elliott & Hatch machine the writing point is carried to the paper, and strikes down upon it, the carriage being moved along with each letter and down the sheet for each line. The book on which it is wished to write is placed under the carriage of the machine in frame. For writing letters the sheet of paper is placed on a solid bed, and written upon as easily and quickly as with an old style machine. Stiff paper and card-board which will not go into an ordinary typewriter machine is also written upon in the same way.

The difference from the ordinary typewriter therefore consists in the fact that the whole machine, rather than the paper carriage, moves in the writing. It allows in this way records to be typewritten directly into the huge books kept by business firms and governments. There has been a demand for such a machine since the introduction of the typewriter, which has never been met until now.

To show that this machine has met the need successfully, the records of its use already are sufficient.



Local News!

POWNAL.

Quite a large party attended the raffle of Pat Colwell at North Pownal last Saturday.

The week of prayer was marked by an increase of religious sentiment.

Wesley Myers has closed his connection with the factory preparatory to entering business college.

A. G. Parker is at home for a few days. Mrs. Joshua Ladd continues very feeble in health.

Arthur Haley is able to be out of doors again.

David Thomas returned from his sister's funeral on Sunday.

Revival services are being held in the M. E. church this week.

Frank Colwell was arrested Friday for violation of the law in selling intoxicating drink. A fine of \$30 was imposed.

Ed. Potter is now a grandpa to a fine daughter. Shake, Edward, and well light a cigar on it.

The ride by a milk party to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ryan of Williamstown was necessarily postponed on account of the rain.

PLAINFIELD.

The lyceum which was held Friday evening, January 7, did not pass off very promptly. A part of the debaters were absent and there seemed to be a lack of interest. Perhaps the next one will be better suited to make up.

The storm in this vicinity was quite severe. There is snow enough now but it is not in the right shape. Too many drifts to make good sleighing.

Mr. Rogers of North Ashfield was in town last week for several days packing apples at H. S. Packard's. He boarded at Mr. Joy's. The apples were in good condition and will be shipped to Boston very soon.

Miss Anna G. Sears who has been home for three weeks has returned to her school in Wilbraham.

The Sabbath school was reorganized on Sunday last and the old board of officers were all re-elected. Miss Genevieve Dyer was chosen organist for the ensuing year. The classes all chose their former teachers.

Mrs. Rosina Wilcutt is quite ill with pneumonia.

Albert Gurney who has been sick for several weeks is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crafts of Whately are visiting Mrs. Craft's mother, Mrs. H. Shaw.

Miss Bessie Denio, who has been visiting in town for a week, has returned to Keene, N. H.

HEMLOCK BROOK.

W. T. Gardner is yet confined to his bed with mumps, which have been very prevalent and unusually severe.

Jerry Culimay, who formerly worked for Homer Torrey, is here on a visit.

Mrs. J. W. Jolley is visiting her daughter in Boston.

John Brookman, who has been confined to his house most of the time for the past two months, is now a little better. He has quite a large dairy and is using a first class cream separator.

Farmers complain that hay does not stand well, and no wonder when one remembers the conditions of weather last summer. But those who have silos don't complain, as they do not require much more than half the usual hay ration for their stock. It is probable the number of silos will increase next season.

William Buckley has commenced drawing his stock of dry wood from his mountain lot here.

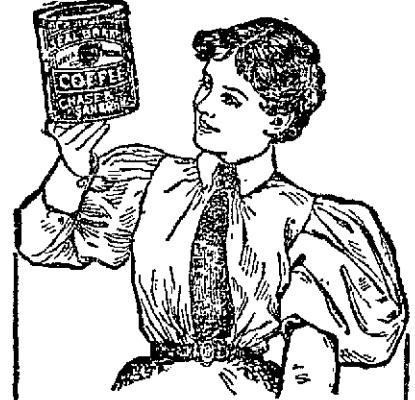
The Galuske brothers have started up their steam saw mill.

A few began to cut ice last week at eight to 10 inches thick, but the sudden thaw interfered and now we've got to wait for more zero weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Sanders returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Troy, N. Y. A sister of Mr. Sanders is afflicted with cancer.

Mr. Hatch of Bennington with his daughter, Jenny, spent New Year's here with his mother, Mrs. George Hatch.

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Only rounded spoonfuls are required—not heaping spoonfuls.

HEIMSUCHT.

A tiny sprig of woodruff pressed. "Twix Walton's pages, nothing loath To so foregather, host and guest, True lovers of the country both.

Men think them but a book, a flower, The meetings of the angling king, Finding for an idle hour A dull botanic, withered thing!

None know that these be wizards twain, An elfin flower, a book of spells, That in you quarto, dark with stain And frayed with years, a dryad dwells.

I need no warlock's spire of steam, No ink pool or crystal sphinx, To see my vision, dream my dream, I have my own familiar here.

The walls, the window, fainter grow, The chimneys, framed against the gray. The tumult of the street below Sunk to a murmur, dies away.

I see the sun glints steal along Fern-tasseled paths when morn is new. I hear the blackcap thrush with song, A western woodland wet with dew.

Wind kisses, born from dreamland, breathes Through valleys where bland waters glide. And creeping mists, scent laden, wreathes Dusk reaches where the otter hides.

A partridge calls, a curlew cries, A slender runis from tree to tree, A great cloud shadown swiftly dyes The azure of the Severn sea.

I smell the scent of opening whin, I tread the fern-on-Quantock's crest, For out from London's mud and din I've wandered to the well-loved west.

Walter J. Purten in Longman's Magazine.

FOUND IN THE ICE.

On the 7th day of October, 1852, the ship Princess left Australia for London with a cargo of wool and other articles valued at \$350,000. She had in her treasure room gold in dust, bars and coin aggregating \$1,300,000. As she was one of the largest and finest of the Australian liners, she was crowded with passengers, the list amounting over 200. Six days after sailing the Princess was struck by a craft bound to the east, but that was the last heard of her for many long years. When she did not reach the cape of Good Hope, vessels were sent out to search for her, but though this search continued for a year and hundreds of other craft kept watch as they voyaged to and fro, not the slightest trace of the lost ship was discovered.

It was finally concluded that she had struck a floating wreck in midocean and gone down so suddenly that no one could escape. Had she sprung a leak or caught fire a part of her people must have got away in the boats, and it could be figured on that at least one would have reached some island or been picked up. Aside from the money loss there were many prominent people among the passengers, and there was mourning in England and Australia for many a month after the ship was posted as lost.

In June, 1868, 16 years after the loss of the Princess, I was one of the crew of the Boston whaler Talisman, which was trying the cruising ground to the south of Cape Horn. We had had a fair run of luck, when we got a gale from the north which lasted for four days and nights without a break. This drove us south among the ice, and in a dozen different occasions the ship was within a hair's breadth of being cast away or overwhelmed. After the fourth day of the gale there was a calm lasting 30 hours. During this interval the Talisman lay between two monster bergs, with her boats down and ready to tow her out of the way should they close in on her. Then we got a strong breeze from the east, which lasted for a day and went clear around the cast of the boat was a mass of ice of singular creation.

It was a mile or more in length and not over 30 feet high, and looked more like a wall resting on the water. The ice was yellow and dirty, with rocks imbedded in it here and there, and I have no doubt that a good portion of it was the lower part of an iceberg which had turned turtle. Between me and the wall was a jumble of ice over which it seemed impossible to make my way, but as soon as I had broken my fast I set out to try it. It took me a full hour to make that quarter of a mile, but at length I reached the wall and found that I could easily get up its rough side. When I reached the top, it was to discover that the mass of ice was almost a cube, with a great hollow in its surface to remind of the crater of a volcano.

In the center of this hollow lay a mass of wreckage, and after a long stare, half believing that my eyes deceived me, I slid down and began an investigation. No one will ever see a more curious sight. A space several hundred feet square was covered with broken masts, yards, beams, planks, boards, ropes, blocks and sails. Amid this heap were a thousand belongings to the interior of a ship. There were tables, chairs, sofas; crockery, clothing, carpets, rugs and what not. A few articles had not been damaged, but the greater number had been broken and splintered as if a madman had used an ax to destroy.

There was a sort of mildew covering everything, and such articles of clothing as I pulled at were quite rotten. A large ship had here suffered destruction. Just how I could not determine, but it seemed to me as if a great body of ice had fallen on her as she rested in the crater. No other force, unless gunpowder, could have so wrecked and scattered her about.

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The theory of whalers who have cruised in the ice is that the Princess was driven down on the ice by a gale from the north, which perhaps dismasted her. At some time—perhaps before she got into the ice-fields—she was abandoned, and one after another her boats were lost in that great ocean; if after she had wedged among the ice, then they floated away from her, to perish of cold and starvation. One can only guess how the big ship came to be lying where I found her. She may have been lifted bodily on to the solid ice during a "rip," or have run upon a shelf or ledge as she drove before a gale.

The ship had thus far sustained little damage, but the crew were exhausted with the hard work and constant vigilance.

The men were given an all day's rest, and no incident occurred until late in the afternoon. This mass of ice had a front a mile long on our side, with an average height of 300 feet. What its width was we could not say. Over it was floating a quantity of smoke. The smoke did not rise from its crest, but from the far side. No one doubted that it came from a fire lighted by shipwrecked sailors, who had caught sight of the Talisman and were making a signal.

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The evening was perfectly quiet, and there was no surf on the south side of the berg, but the tragedy that followed was brought about from causes far down in the depths of the sea. The men had not yet reached the ledge, when the great berg suddenly started to the north and to prevent the boat being lifted out of the water I had to let go of the painter, which had a turn around a lump of ice. As I did so I was shot away to a distance of 200 feet and flung down on the twarts. I had just got an iron in my hands when the berg came back at me, and there was such a cracking, crashing and groaning that I was frightened almost to death. Hundreds of pieces of ice fell into the sea around me, and I heard cries of terror that was left of her.

In the afternoon the fog began to break up, and I got back to my boat. By night there were lanes of water in every direction, and a strong breeze set in from the south. I drifted to the north all that night and all the next day, but as the sea on night came down I was picked up by the Scotch whaler Jeannette, which had captured me and was cutting a whale, and months later was landed at her home port.

For three years I believed the Talisman had been cast away in the ice, but it turned out that she escaped without much damage and finally reached Boston with a full cargo.

C. B. LEWIS.

TO MURPHY IN RUSSIA.

Tom Sloane is not the only American that has gained fame in Europe. Murphy has succeeded in driving to victory Prokodnayak, the Orloff trotter, who captured a steeple worth 16,000 rubles, or \$9,000, which is the largest purse ever pulled down by a trotter in Europe. Prokodnayak is a black mare and was bred by the Grand Duke Dimitri. Murphy has developed and trained this mare from her yearling form.—Sau Francisco Chronicle.

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ODD WHEEL NOTES.

The cycle tax in Savannah is \$1.45 per \$100.

Brooklyn is to have ten additional miles of asphalt streets.

In the spring many of the trolley lines in Brooklyn will equip their cars with bicycle holders.

The League of American Wheelmen will have a membership by next August of probably 150,000.

Nineteen race meets were held on the Charles River park track, Boston, last season, and \$26,000 in prizes was given.

It is said, says the New York Sun, that one maker will sell chainless machines for as low as \$36 and another for \$50 or \$75.

Wichita, Kan., enjoys the novel distinction of having a street railway company which does not contract a span when asked to carry a bicycle on its cars.

Riders of chain wheels, says the New York Telegram, are consulting themselves with the idea that a chain may break and do no harm, whereas a bevel gear that breaks will ruin the whole machine and wreck the rider.

In speaking of the hardships encountered in six day racing there is yet to be found a man who has suffered from its effects.

Albert Schock has ridden in 24 six day races and is anxious to ride in more. Tom Eck says that he does not know of one single six day rider or walker as to the result of the race, and sentence was pronounced in their absence.—American Cyclist.

The cause of the invasion of this country by the many European riders is directly due to the fact that they have no winter track in Paris this winter.

The many prominent riders were on the lookout for winter quarters, and America extended a welcome. The large purses here will probably keep many of the foreigners in this country for two or three years.

The poor novice or amateur "scorcher" who cannot ride fast enough to keep

his feet warm will be glad to hear that at the Paris cycle show there was exhibited a foot warming pedal. The pedal is a sort of box in which are inserted two small cakes of charcoal composition that burns slowly and does not smoke. It is claimed for it that it will burn four hours and will keep the feet of the slowest rider comfortable.

It was a mile or more in length and not over 30 feet high, and looked more like a wall resting on the water. The ice was yellow and dirty, with rocks imbedded in it here and there, and I have no doubt that a good portion of it was the lower part of an iceberg which had turned turtle. Between me and the wall was a jumble of ice over which it seemed impossible to make my way, but as soon as I had broken my fast I set out to try it. It took me a full hour to make that quarter of a mile, but at length I reached the wall and found that I could easily get up its rough side. When I reached the top, it was to discover that the mass of ice was almost a cube, with a great hollow in its surface to remind of the crater of a volcano.

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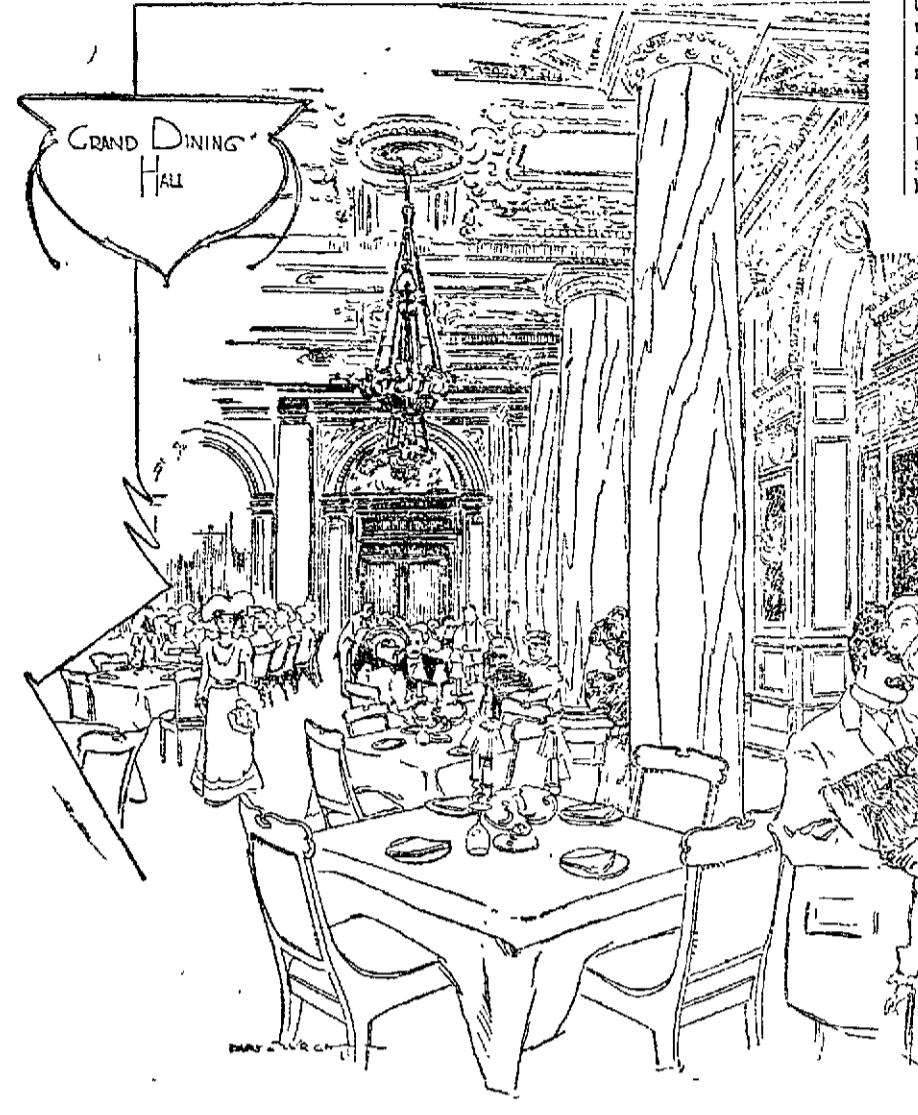
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"BEHIND THE SCENES" IN A GREAT HOTEL.

Wonders of the Waldorf-Astoria Management--An Army of 1,400 Employees--The Great Kitchen and the Intricate Electrical Installation--A Monthly Pay Roll of \$50,000.

It is pretty well known that the new Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York is the biggest and most expensive hotel in the world. That which can be seen from the front of the house by

numbers between 1,200 and 1,400. The pay roll averages not far from \$50,000 a month or \$600,000 a year. This does not, however, represent the total outlay for help, since every employee is fed on the



guests has been described more or less. The premises three times a day, food of first quality, especially cooked, being furnished. Terrapin, game, champagne and the like are not included, but the nearly equal the combined capacity of

The "help" of the Waldorf-Astoria

is little known of the marvelous and stupendous organization of human and mechanical forces "behind the scenes."

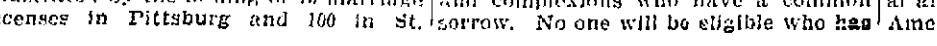
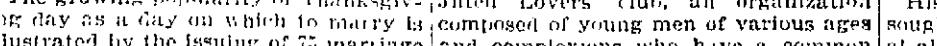
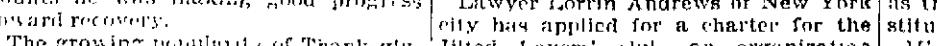
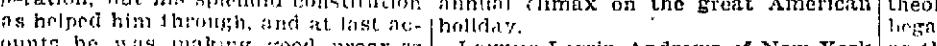
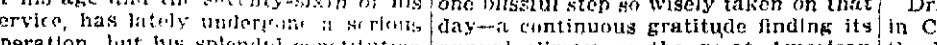
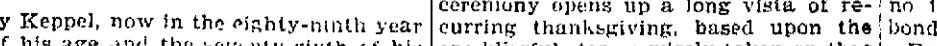
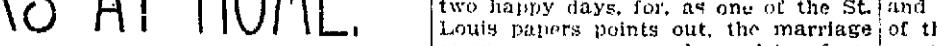
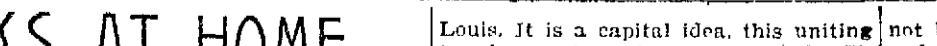
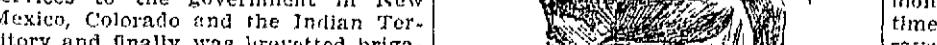
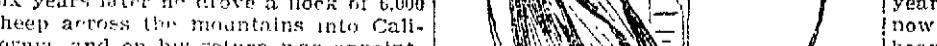
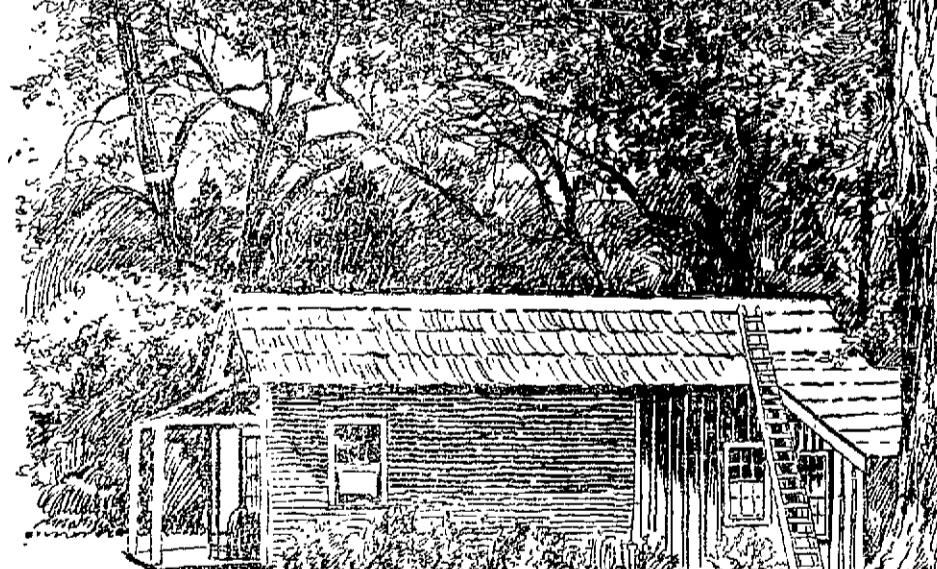
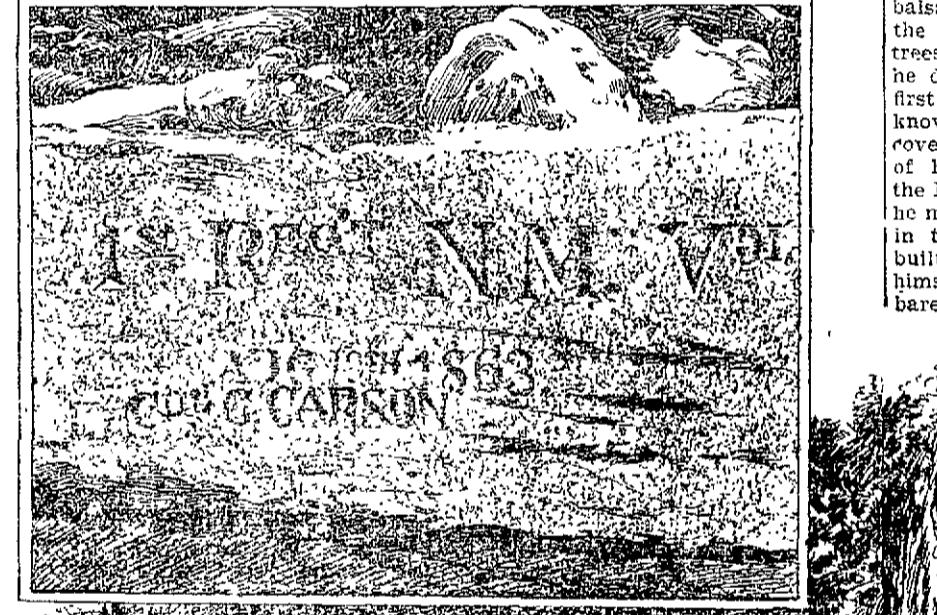
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COASTING NOTICE.

The commissioner of public works,
James E. Hunter, has set aside the follow-
ing streets on which coasting will be
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ALMSHOUSE CONTROL

Charged With Mismanagement
By State Board of
Lunacy and Charity.

A SEVERE CRITICISM GIVEN

In the Annual Report Just Issued.
Overseer of the Poor Woodhead
Defends the Institution.
Comments on Adams
and Williamstown.

The management of the almshouse is
severely criticized and accused of incom-
petence by the state board of lunacy and
charity which has been issued within the
last few days. The accusations are start-
ling, and put the local almshouse manage-
ment in a worse light than those of any
of the other Western Massachusetts cities
and towns. The board made its inspection
on October 9 of last year, and the text of their report is as follows:

"The general condition of this almshouse, although it is comparatively new
and quite well arranged, is very unsatisfactory. Throughout it shows mis-
management and a lack of executive ability. There is a want of cleanliness
and good order, and although the house has been occupied but a few years there
is an abundance of vermin brought in from the old building upon the bedsteads
and bedding, which were retained through
unwise economy. There is provision for
complete separation of the sexes, but this
has been made useless by leaving the
attic doors open, so that the inmates go
from one part of the house to another. There are 23 inmates, three being insane.
The warden and matron receive a salary
of \$730."

W. H. Woodhead, overseer of the poor
and city almoner, was seen this morning
in regard to the report, which he had just
received, and expressed great surprise
that it was so harsh. He considered the
almshouse in much better condition than
it was the previous year, this fact being
borne out, he said, by the report, which
was much less sweeping in its criticisms
than the report of a year before.

The charge that the house is not kept
clean he does not consider just. The
statement concerning the vermin is
entirely true, but the responsibility rests, he
says, with a previous management, which
moved the furnishings of the old house
into the new one without sufficient care.

The matter of the separation of the sexes
he considers to be free from criticism,
since the quarters are entirely separated.

The attic doors leading from one to the
other are kept locked, and keys are held
only by Keeper Tilley and the janitor.

When Mr. Woodhead first came into the
department, he found that the hired man
had been sleeping in a room adjoining the
women's quarters, for protection and
safety of the women in case of fire. He

changed this by putting water pails in the

quarters and having the janitor sleep
elsewhere. Since then there has been no
possibility of cause for the criticism
made.

Mr. Woodhead said that the order at
the almshouse was not of the best, but
that it had been improved greatly under
the management of Mr. Tilley, who was
appointed at the beginning of last year. He
found a great lack of discipline among
the inmates, and has been unable entirely
to change the habits of old inmates. Mr.

Woodhead said there had been a continual
improvement which he hopes to con-
tinute until the house is in a condition
next year to cause a good report from the
state board.

WILLIAMSTOWN ALSO CRITICIZED.

The report on the Williamstown almshouse
is also a surprise. The buildings are
criticized, and the erection of new
ones urged, and the discipline is called
poor. The people of Williamstown have
considered Keeper Metcalf a good man
for the position, and there has been no
unfavorable comment in the town on the
manner in which the few inmates are
cared for.

The text of the report based on examination
made October 9 follows:

"The buildings used for an almshouse
here are totally unfit for the purpose; being
old, poorly arranged, and in need of extensive
repair. There is no appearance of
good order and thrift, the inmates being
apparently left to their own devices. The
house is cheerless, and poorly furnished.
The present warden receives the rental of
the farm for his services, and is allowed
\$2 per week per capita for the board of
the inmates. A suitable almshouse should
be erected, and sufficient money appropri-
ated by the town to care for their poor
in a respectable manner.

PRIZE FOR THE ADAMS MANAGEMENT.

Adams is again criticized severely for not
providing better accommodations for its
poor, but the management is praised for doing
such good work with its equipment.
The visit of the board was made
October 29, and the report is as follows:

"There has been no improvement in
the condition of this almshouse and its
surroundings, and considering its poor
structural arrangement, much credit is
due the matron for the cleanliness and
good order of the interior. Although the
house is unfit for occupancy and should
be abandoned, yet it is overcrowded with
inmates, with no prospect of change or
improved condition. A detached building,
occupied by men, is cared for by one of
the women. There are 14 inmates;
three men, seven women and four children.
None are insane. The same ob-
jectionable arrangement for the remuner-
ation of the warden and matron exists
as last year, namely, the town makes a
weekly allowance of \$2.50 for each inmate,
and whatever is saved from this is allowed
the warden and matron for their ser-
vices."

ASSAULT CASE IN COURT.

The continued case against Josephine
McNine for attempting to commit an inde-
cent assault on Jennie Woodard was
heard this morning. Miss Woodard is 15
years old and she alleged that McNine,
who is about 17 years old, assaulted her
on Eagle street, Monday evening, Decem-
ber 27. McNine is deaf and does not speak
very well. Lawyer Magenis appeared for
the commonwealth and Lawyer Park-
hurst for the defense. Judgment was re-
served until Monday.

A. Troubly was fined \$5 for drunken-
ness and the several continued liquor cases
against John Buckley and the cases
against Mrs. Jennie Hack and Clarinda
Davis were again continued until Febru-
ary 10 and January 22, respectively.

SCHOOL TEACHERS ELECTED.

At a meeting of the school board Friday
evening teachers were elected as follows
for the Houghton school, which will be
opened January 31: Principal, Miss
Elizabeth M. Flynn of Drury; fifth and
sixth grades, Miss Gertrude I. Hulbert of
Mark Hopkins school; fourth grade, Miss
Cora F. Bratton of the Beaver school;
third grade, Miss Mary M. Sheldon of the
East Mountain school; second grade, Miss
Alice C. Bulkeley of the State street
school; first grade, room 1, Miss Marion M.
Fulton of Mark Hopkins school; room 2,
Miss Eliza Rowan of the Miner school; Miss
Mary A. Quinn, formerly a teacher here,
but who has been teaching in Williams-
town for some time, will take Miss Flynn's
place at Drury; Miss Ethel M. Winslow of
Bangor, Me., will succeed Miss Bulkeley
in the State street school and Miss Mary
Hart will take the East Mountain school.

DEATH AT THE CITY FARM.

Amelia Armstrong, wife of Joseph
Armstrong, died Friday at the city farm,
to which place she was taken Wednesday.
Though not supposed to be sick when
taken to the farm, she took to her bed
shortly after arriving there and never got
up again. Her death is supposed to have
been due to age and debility. Mrs. Armstrong
leaves besides her husband two
sons and two daughters. One son lives in
this city and the other in Pittsfield. The
body was taken to Pittsfield today and
will be buried there.

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THE GENIUS OF THE ORGAN.

Guilmant's Playing Received With an
Ovation Last Evening.

It is needless to say that the organ recital
by Alexandre Guilmant at the Meth-
odist church last evening was the most
finished organ concert ever heard in this
city. The size and enthusiasm of the
audience showed the appreciation of local
people at the securing of the French
master. The power of the noblest of musical
instruments was exhibited as never
before, and the memory of the wonderful
playing will be a source of satisfaction
and pleasure to the many who heard it.

The attendance was far larger than was
expected, and was most gratifying to
those who secured the recital. Fully 1400
people were present, every seat being
filled and a number standing through the
whole program. And the reception to
the organist was enthusiastic indeed. At
the suggestion of Prof. Tower the audience
rose as Guilmant entered, while the
applause was long and hearty. Handker-
chiefs were waved and every sign of welcome
given. Guilmant had to take his
seat at the organ and touch the opening
notes of Bach's fugue to quiet his audience,
and throughout the concert every number
was received with great applause.

Guilmant's playing has no dramatic
features. He does not attempt to startle
his hearers by the use of novel effects.
The beauty of his music is in its subtler
appeal to the imagination. The organist
seems really to live his own soul into the
spirit and harmony of the organ and the
theme, and it is only by losing one's self
in sympathy with it that one can appreciate
the results. The softer selections
were Guilmant's favorites, and it was in
his sense of reserve power in the instrument
to whose limit he never came that he
showed his genius.

All the numbers on the program were
of the more delicate and imaginative
order. There were two of his own com-
positions. The "Funeral March and
Hymn of Saraphs" was a slight sur-
prise for such a subject owing to the
similarity of its idea to that of the "Bridal
Chorus" from Lohengrin, the funeral
character giving way to the hymn v. y.
largely. It was a passionate composition,
and the author played it with all the feel-
ing which a composer and mourner could
give. The "In Paradisum" of Dubois was
of the most beautiful selections he
played, while the rendering of the "First
Lux" brought out the wonderful imagery
of the idea with all the majesty possible
to music.

Guilmant's only concession to popular
desire for novelty was in his improvisation
on "America," the theme given him.
To improvise in any theme is the greatest
test of a composer's versatility, and M.
Guilmant stood the test well. He paused
a moment after the theme was given him
by Professor Tower, then played the fa-
miliar air through, and immediately dashed
into a brilliant series of variations
which grew into a more finished harmony
as he proceeded to elaborate the theme.
This performance was greeted with ap-
plause which compelled him to respond
several times, and as the most popular of
the selections was perhaps the most satisfying
to the majority of the audience.

CRIMINAL SITTING OF SUPERIOR COURT.

The criminal sitting at the superior
court will be convened at Pittsfield on
Monday, when it is expected that Judge
Maynard of Springfield will be on hand

to hear the cases. District Attorney
Gardner has the order practically made
out, in which he will hear the cases, and
the evidence taken before the grand jury
is being written out for him by the court
stenographer.

This is a list of the jurors who will hear
the criminal cases:

Charles A. Howland, Manly S. Sherman,
Thomas Barrett of Adams; George
F. Taylor of Becket, John Chaplin, Jr. of
Cheshire, Waltean Kirchner of Dalton,
Frank Van Deusen of Egremont, Georg-
A. Lees of Florida, Edward B. Thomas,
Curtis W. Baldwin of Great Barrington,
Alfred E. Gavitt of Hancock, Charles H.
Deming of Lanesborough, Thomas
Norton of Lee, Henry Miller of Lenox,
James Lindsey of Richmond; Edwin L.
Carver, Allen Peck, Jonathan Haight,
Frederick A. Hand and John M. Stetson
of Pittsfield; George B. Cook of Sheffield;
John M. Cooper and Lewis Chamberlin of
Stockbridge; Casimere Noel and Napoleon
J. Barron of W. L. Townsend; Morris Gats-
lick, Frank J. Carrington, Charles E.
Whitney, A. M. Whipple and Charles A.
Card of this city.

PATENT PLANE IN USE.

The Pond at Hoosac Valley Park Will
be Kept in Order.

The Hoosac Valley Street Railroad com-
pany is experimenting with a Pepin ice
planer, a machine for smoothing the sur-
faces of skating ponds. It was used very
successfully at Hoos